The argument advanced on the previous motion on the question of criminal liability affects this motion also.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But the cattle are different from drivers.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—If you cannot control the drivers, you cannot certainly control the cattle. If you keep a mad dog and it bites your neighbours, you are held liable. According to the Cattle Trespass Regulation the owner is civilly as well as criminally liable. The criminal liability is however put as low as possible. If it is raised it will react on the agriculturists themselves.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Upon the cattle also.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It might get locked up for a more number of days. There is also involved in it kindness to animals. The law is even now strict. The only question is whether we should increase the rate. It certainly does not react upon the Government but it does react very unfavourably on the cattle owners because most of the cattle in the villages belong to the agriculturists themselves and any law which increases the fees or the fine or the penalty is bound to react upom them. I may point out that the Government would think twice before increasing the rates. Government are not going to lose anything. In 1109, 4000 cattle were impounded. The number went up to 5000 in 1110. I submit that it is my considered view that it will react very unfavourably upon the villagers if the penalty is increased. This question was brought to the notice of the Government once before not in this precise form, that the fines should be increased and the experiment tried at least in Pazhaji and in some other adjoining villages. But a distinction like that in some villages, leaving alone the other villages, was not considered advisable by the Government. No case, I submit, has been made out by the Hon'ble Member for increasing the severity of the Cattle Trespass Regulation.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

The Demand of Rs. 2,20,015 under Police was put and carried.

13—Police—Cranganur—Rs. 7,686.

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 7,686 under 13—Police—Cranganur. I request the House to sanction the grant.

Demand was put and carried.

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